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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, that were Concern'd in the First VOLUME.

From Wednesday April 19th. to Friday April 21st. 1710.

Q. GENTLEMEN, *Who were they that* Lamech *Slew? See* Genesis 4. 23.

Yours, R. P.

A. Being a Blind Archer, he Killed his Grandfather *Cain* by the the Directions of the Boy that led him, for which Reason he likewise Killed the Boy. This is the Story *Torniellus* wou'd have us believe, pretending to justify it by the Authority of several Fathers. But his Reasons are not so strong as to sway our Belief.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, Answer this Question, proposed by one of the Church of* Rome. *Whether a* Protestant *having the same Motives to become a* Roman-Catholick, *which one bred and Born and well Grounded in the* Catholick Religion *hath to remain in it, may not Equally be Saved.*

A. Supposing the *Protestant* to be likewise well Grounded in his *Religion* and to persevere in it, we Answer, he has a more certain Prospect of Salvation than the other, tho' he shou'd have the strongest Motives that the *Romish* Church can offer him for the Preference of her Faith and Doctrin. But to give Reasons for our Assertion wou'd be a great Work, since this Question is no other than whether the Grounds of the *Protestant* or *Romish* Faith are stronger? or in whether of them is the greatest Security of Salvation? the determining of which Question wou'd take in the whole Controversy between the *Protestant* and *Romish* Church.

Q. Gentlemen, *I being lately employed as a Clerk in a Publick Office of the Law, desire the favor of your Opinion. Whether I may not Lawfully take all such Clerks Fees, as have been usually demanded and paid in the said Office, at least for 6 or 7 Years and some upwards of 20 Years last past; and provided that I do not know them to be forbidden by any Act of Parliament. And you will much Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant, A. B.

A. This Question is too general to admit of a Satisfactory Answer. Notwithstanding Prescription is often pleaded for many Exorbitant Demands of which no Acts of Parliament take Cognisance: And therefore a Consciencious Man (as you seem to be) will not upon so weak a Reason as this exact more than is in Equity due to him. How much that ought to be, though we knew your Circumstances, it is not for us to Determine; but we must leave you to the Direction of your own Conscience.

Q. Ingenious Gentlemen, *I find you in your Papers frequently expressing your selves in favor of the* Copernican System *of the Earth. I know it is now much in Vogue amongst Learned Men, and that it must be Confessed to be very easy, natural and agreeable to Reason. But since it cannot be proved to be demonstrably true by many Arguments yet found out, and that there are several Texts of* Scripture *plainly and litterally against it. I desire your Opinion, whether a just Deference to the Authority of* Holy Scripture, *and the fear of infusing Prejudices into Vulgar Minds against it, wou'd not require that Men shou'd Speak more Warily and Modestly about this Matter?*

A. We must Ingenuously acknowledge with the Querist that all the Attempts that have yet been made to demonstrate the Motion of the Earth have proved insufficient, as we shall easily Demonstrate against any Instance that shall be offered to us, tho' we are not Ignorant that some have with great Labor and Expence undertook the Demonstration of this grand Problem, and have with no less Confidence reported their Success to the World. We must likewise grant that it is not absolutely necessary that the Earth shou'd move in Order to Solve the *Phænomena* of Nature; for there are other Hypotheses that may (tho' not altogether so well) serve for that Purpose. Notwithstanding it is our Opinion that a just Deference to the Authority of *Scripture* may be consistent with embracing the *Copernican-system*, provided, as you say, it be done Modestly and Warily; for with this necessary Condition shou'd all Notions be Entertain'd whether seemingly repugnant to Scripture or no, the Proofs of which are not Infallible. For it is very well

Answered by the *Copernicans*, that the Design of the Scripture is not to make Men Naturalists or Mathematicians, but to persuade them to Piety, and to fit them for Supernatural Grace and Glory. And therefore it Speaks of Natural Things, not as they are strictly in themselves, but according to the most common Conceptions of Men concerning them, that so they might be understood of all to their Benefit and Salvation. And unless we understand the Sacred Writers sometimes thus accommodating themselves to Vulgar Conceptions we must unavoidably mistake their true Sense and Meaning. If the Querist wou'd see a Reconciliation of the Texts of Scripture with the *Copernican* Hypothesis, let him Read *Foscarin*'s Discourse upon that Subject, annexed to a late *Leyden* Edition of *Galileo*'s *Systema Cosmicum*. There is likewise a very Elegant Letter of *Galileo* himself to the Grand Dutchess of *Tuscany* upon the same Subject.

Q. Gentlemen, *If you allow the History of Pope* Joan *to be true, please to return an Answer how the mistake happen'd, and after what manner discover'd; but if you esteem it Fabulous, I wou'd enquire what cause or occasion gave Birth to that Story?*

A. Onuphrius a Popish Writer endeavors to destroy the Credit of the Story of Pope *Joan*, but his Argument is very Weak. *Anastatius*, says he, *Lived about this Time, and knew best who Succeeded* Leo *the* 4th, *and he makes no mention of* John (*or* Joan) *the* 8th, *but of* Benedictus *the* 3d, *as Successor of* Leo *the* 4th. An Argument, we say, taken from an Authority Negatively has no Force. It do's not follow that the thing is false, because not mentioned by *Anastatius*; since we have also the Reason of his omitting it declared to us by *Ranalphus*, viz. *propter deformitatem facti*. *Bellarmine*, *Baronius*, *Petavius*, and several other Popish Writers do likewise reject this Story as Fabulous; but their only true Reason for it is, that they are ashamed of it. Whereas we have the Suffrages of at least Fifty of their own Writers against them, and *Philip Morney* has invincibly proved the Truth of it in his *Misterium Iniquitatis*, to which we referr the Reader. Her Story is generally known, being in short this; She was a Young Woman of *Mentz* in *Germany* and ran away with an *English* Monk of *Fulda* in Man's Apparel to *Athens*, where she Studied with him till he Died. From thence she came to *Rome*, and was so much admir'd for her Learning and Politick Behaviour, that after the Death of *Leo* the 4*th*, she was advanced to the Pontifical Chair, and in this Dignity for two Years and a half, she Celebrated Mass, gave all Orders, freed the Emperor *Lewis* from his Oath to *Aldegisus*, Crown'd *Charles* the *Bald*, took up the Controversy between the two *Hincmaros*, established the Learned *Photius* in the Patriarchship of *Constantinople*, Wrote a Learned Letter to the Prince of *Moravia*, and wanted only the right Sex to be an excellent Pope, which Defect she unhappily discovered in going to the Church of *Laterane*, where without a Midwife she fell into Labor and Died about the Year 857.

Q. *Is the Sea always in Motion? And if it is, how shall one know which Way it's Motion is directed?*

A. It is certain the Sea must be always in Motion, tho' in some Parts of it that Motion may scarce be sensible. For omitting all other external Causes, the Action of the Motion in it's Diurnal Revolution about the Earth will cause a constant Flux and Reflux in one Part or other of the Ocean, and if any one Part be in Motion, all the rest must necessarily be so too. For the Place in which this Motion is made must be lower than the Place of the the Water that is next to it, and consequently that next Water will move into it's Place, and so the Motion will be propogated thro' all other Parts of the Ocean. But this Motion will be less in Parts that are more remote, because the Place, from which the Part of Water moved, will be filled up with other Water not coming from one Coast but from all around it: And as the Periferies of the thus Circulating Water Increase, their Motion will be less. For thus we see, that a Stone being cast into standing Water will cause a Wave to rise like the Circumference of a Circle, and this will raise another Wave of a larger Circumference by the Influx of Waters from all Coasts into the Place vacated by the Former; but the Motion is less and less sensible the farther it is distant from the Place where the Stone was cast in. Since then the Motion of the Sea must be Constant, because it's Cause is so, by the following Method it may be known towards what Coast it's Motion tends. Take an Opportunity when there is little or no Wind, and cast into the Sea a Body of near the same Specific Gravity with Water itself, observing the Place where it was cast in by fixing a Boat there: And as soon as the Body is carried by the Current or Stream of the Sea to a Moderate Distance off, it may be easily observed by the Compass towards what Coast the Motion of the Body is directed: And the same way at that Time will be the Current of the Sea.

Q. Apollo *Could give no greater Instance of his God-like Generosity, than to decline Interest, and Instruct a Friend. I have no peculiar Prejudice to your Sex, but Admire the Just and Good, and when I Converse with an Eloquent Man, I am Charm'd with his Polite Expressions, without the Thought of that Phantom* Love, *for I am all* Platonic, *and led by a Chast Indefatigable Inclination, so you'll Pardon my Declining your Advice. Don't fancy Chimera's that I have secular Stratagems, or Intention to discover my self, no, I'll keep my Invisibility to the last, I seek no Advancement, but your favor, the Motto of my Cave* (Content and Peace) *is sufficient to satisfy my Ambition. Now say, from the Depth of Thought, is not such an Inoffensive Life, Superior to the Imaginary fading Joys of the Matrimonial State, and you'll Oblige, Your Sincere* ECCHO.

A. Madam *Echo*, A real Joy doubtless is preferrible to an Imaginary one, but because you find some real Joy in a Single State, to conclude thence all in the Married is Imaginary, is wrong Arguing. The All-wise *Creator*, who knew best what was Good for his Creatures, Instituted the Marriage State in Paradise, *He saw it not good for Man to be alone*; and perhaps stronger Reasons might be given why it is not good for Woman. The Temptations of this World often prove too strong to be resisted by their United Force, much more easily might they Singly be overcome. But in former Papers, we have given many more Argumunts for the Preference of the Marriage State, and shewn that all the Incommodities arising thence, Reflect not the least thereon, but are Created by the Persons themselves, through Error, Indiscretion, or Evil Inclinations; to which Papers we therefore refer you.

POEMS.

Q. I'M *in Love*, Great Apollo,
To you I will show it,
Because I'm sure you'll
Let no Body know it.

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But

But 'tis not with Cloe,
Nor Daphne, *nor* Phillis,
Nor Celia, *nor* Delia,
Nor yet Amarillis;
Those Tender Young Gristles,
Unable to bear,
Such Sallies as mine,
Which wou'd shake 'em to Air.
Who expect that their Lovers,
Like Puppies must Whine,
And Swear, when as Cloudy
As Tempests, they Shine:
Must Grin, if they Smile,
And must Sigh, if they Frown,
Their Favors prefer,
To the Joys of a Crown.
And if for a Rival
The Calf *is dismist,*
He looks like Peel-Garlick,
Or School-Boy bepist.
Such Guiney *Hens never*
Can Influence my Passion,
Made of Laces and Ribbands
And Manto's in Fashion;
I boast an Amour,
More Gen'rous and Brave,
Than to Whimper and Snivle,
And Cringe like a Slave.
My Object is Jolly,
Fat JOAN *at the* Bell,
Who all your fine March panes,
By far do's excell.
What tho' she's a Cook,
To the Kitchin belongs,
I'll Crown her Black Brows,
With the Charms of my Songs:
She'll toss you a Pancake
As high as the Ceiling;
Mount a Swinging Great Pot
To the Crane without Feeling:
Her large Brawney Fist,
Twirle a Spit, tho' 'tis charg'd
With a Quarter of Beef,
Whilst Her Paunch is enlarg'd,
With a Bowl of October,
Which she'll take ye off Clean,
And then Flounce about
Like an Amazon-Queen.
Now say if I'm not
By a Sound Judgment led,
To take such a Sturdy,
Strong Jade to my Bed;
On whom such bold Brats,
I may justly suppose,
To Get, as may take
The French King *by the Nose.*

A. Go on Thou rough *Hero,*
Thou 'rt much in the Right,
The Fates have ordain'd Thee,
For such Coarse Delight.
Bold Brats dost thou say!
Why thou'lt *Centaurs* beget,
~~Thou Mulcon Wheelm,~~ your Boys to helm & spear
And the *Females* the Spit.
Then let no Demurrer
Thy Enterprize Damp,
But fly to the Wars,
And take *Joan* to the Camp:
How apt the *Virago*
Is fitted for Plunders,
While her *Tongue* her just Rights,
To the Carcasses Thunders;
She'll *Uncase* them like *Rabbits,*
Nay think it no Sin,
If like *Eels* in her Kitching
She Whips off their *Skin;*
And if your *Provision,*
In time shou'd decrease,
You may Quarter your self,
A whole Month on her Grease.
She may from her *Scullery*
Arm her self well,
Her Helmet, a *Skillet*
Of Mettal call BELL;
Two large *Dripping* Pans
For her *Back-piece* and *Breast;*
For her *Bum* a *Stew* Pan,
And so on for the rest.
Let her *Litter* at Night,
But ne'er lye on a Bed,
And get all thy Off-spring
Upon a *Drum-head;*
That may Roar themselves into
The World when they come,
And bear a sound Banging,
As well as the *Drum.*
When *Joan* gives 'em *Suck,*
Let her live upon *Bears,*
To draw in their Natures,
If rougher than theirs.
Then *Flesh* 'em on *Tygers,*
And when up they grow,
They'll pay all the Debts,
To their Parents they owe.
But take this wise Caution,
Keep still to the Wars,
For fear you fare worser,
By Domestick Jars;
And *Joan* shou'd reduce you,
In such scurvy Manner,
You're forc'd to Fight under
Her *Petticoat Banner.*

The

The PROLOGUE *Spoke by Mrs.* Bradshaw *to the Play called,* The ROYAL MERCHANT, or the BEGGARS BUSH, *Acted for the Benefit of the* Box-Keepers.

IT seems ye expect a Prologue, Sirs, to Night,
Which since you WITS have not been pleas'd (to Write,
I'll Rhyme and Rail *Extempore*——out of Spite.
Methinks some Chance-conducted Foes I see,
Who lay sure claim to Wit —— by QUALITY;
Who with the Stream, like floating Straws, still go,
And see no Merit where they find no Show;
Who grace the Boxes with a judging Air,
And *Wisely* find ——
At t'other House all the best Actors are,
'Cause they have Glass Sconces and Wax Can (dles there.
What shall I do to ferret them away,
Remember, Sirs, 'tis the BOX KEEPERS Day,
There'll be the Devil and all of —*please to Pay.*
How! stand ye that unmov'd? Hey then——
Our Rivals help us, —— for I have got a Notion
Their dumb Scenes t'other Night have taught you (want of Motion;
Well! if you are resolv'd to stay to Night,
Do it, but t'any Gratis out of Spite;
And when the Sawcy BOX-KEEPERS want Pay,
Cry, *Dam Ye*, every Night's your *Benefit-Play.*

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SIR,

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London April the 21st. The Parliament met Tuesday last, and was further Prorogued by Commission to the 2d. of May next; and on Wednesday the House of Convocation was Prorogued by Writ, to the 8th. of November next Ensuing: That her Majesty has been Pleased to Create the Marquiss of Kent a Duke of this Kingdom in Consideration of his Faithful Services. Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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